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## NO INSURANCE ON CITY DREDGE

This is One of the Effects of the Land Contracts.

RUNNING ENTIRELY AT THE CITY'S RISK

Sale of Sand By James River Improvement Committee the Subject of Much Discussion, and Various Views Are Held.

Nothing in municipal circles created half so much talk yesterday as the matter relating to sand contract recently awarded to Mr. J. T. Sloan by the committee on James River Improvement, and the warm speech of City Engineer Cutshaw on the subject before the committee on Tuesday night.

There is nowhere any intimation of remote intention of wrong doing in connection with the matter, not even in the remarks of Colonel Cutshaw, but the action of the committee in awarding the contract without competitive bids, at a figure lower than former ones, is criticised by many as not being in keeping with good business methods.

There are several views taken by various members of the committee. For example, Mr. Gilman and Mr. Ferguson take the ground that sand is scarce and that the city will well afford to place the commodity within the reach of citizens for building purposes and that in so doing, the committee is working in the interest of the entire community. In that it is in the material development of the city.

Would Help Citizens. Mr. Ferguson, while joining heartily in the resolution not to sell any more sand after Mr. Sloan's contract is performed, still holds that he cannot see the propriety of allowing sand to be sold to persons in the East End, so that they will not be required to haul it from the Tredegar and other points far up the river.

Mr. Gilman takes practically the same view. Colonel Cutshaw, on the other hand, while believing the committee acted according to their best judgment, contends that there should be a fixed policy in the committee and that this policy should be rigidly followed.

He is opposed first to the sale of any sand to any one, and secondly, if sold, he holds it should only be after competitive bids are called for.

Not City's Business. He does not think the city should be called upon to look out for sand families among the citizens any more than to undertake to supply lumber, iron or other building materials in case of scarcity. Colonel Cutshaw is also of opinion that there is too much speculation in the sand sold by the city, and a gentleman was present the other night to testify that it went through the hands of as many as three dealers before it reaches the consumer, but the witness for the reason was not introduced.

But, above all this, the engineer believes when the city is maintaining an expensive dredging plant to improve the harbor, it should be kept at work pumping sand to fill up the flats along the river, thereby improving the streets while deepening the harbor.

Mr. Funsten's View.

Mr. O. H. Funsten, one of the members of the committee who did not attend the meeting on the river, and on whose motion Colonel Cutshaw's policy was adopted the other night, is heartily in favor of keeping the dredge at work in the harbor with the purpose of pumping the sand into the streets and flats along the shore. He says the time is so short at best, owing to weather conditions, when the work can be prosecuted that it should be pushed during the summer months.

Mr. Funsten, with the other members, believes in the city living up to its contract with Mr. Sloan, but he regrets that it was made.

There is another effect of the contract. Some important work had been started in the way of repairs to the dredge and now it has to be postponed so as to pump the sand into Mr. Sloan's basin in order that the quantity he gets from behind the gus works may be minimized.

Without Insurance.

In order to get insurance on the dredge the manholes had to be made to conform to certain regulations, and this work had started under Colonel Cutshaw's directions.

It will now be postponed and until Mr. Sloan's basin is filled, the plant will be operated entirely without insurance. The price paid for the sand this year is ten cents per cubic yard, whereas on competitive bids last year it brought sixteen cents.

Mr. Sloan has already gotten about 6,000 cubic yards of sand, and is entitled under the contract to 5,000 more. Colonel Cutshaw thinks the pumping of Mr. Sloan's sand will delay the city improvements at least two months.

Says He Lost Money.

Mr. Sloan, discussing the matter last night, said: "Colonel Cutshaw said that he had been told that this sand sold by the city was speculated upon, and that as many as three dealers made a profit on it. I do not see how that can be, when I sell direct to the consumer. The sand is used, as all know, by builders in the construction of houses, and it is as much to the benefit of the city to build residences and increase values in general as to utilize this sand in the proposed improvement." "While I do not think Colonel Cutshaw intended any reflection upon me, as I am conducting a legitimate business on a business basis, yet I must say I hardly like the manner in which he expressed himself."

"The sand business is like all other businesses, one loses some years and makes in others. As a matter of fact, I lost money on my city contract last year."

## NORWAY DECLARES UNION DISSOLVED

Deposes King Oscar and Will Resort to Arms If Necessary.

SUDDEN UPHEAVAL STARTLES EUROPE

Swedish Ruler Makes Protest and Trouble May Lead to Serious International Complications. British and European Sympathy On Side of Sweden.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, June 8.—The Stockholm correspondent of the Standard says that King Oscar, has refused the Norwegian crown for his son.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, June 8.—The revolution in Norway though anticipated and peacefully effected, has come upon Europe with unexpected suddenness and the question is asked with some anxiety whether it will mean international complications.

Had Russia not been involved in a difficult war in the Far East it is doubtful whether Norway would have taken the present momentous step which is not likely to be regarded with approval by European powers. The fact that the coup d'etat is not unlikely to eventuate in the establishment of a Norwegian republic would alone be a reason why the step will not commend itself to the monarchial powers.

It is nowhere thought that King Oscar will consent to have a junior member of his family become king of Norway. This proposal is regarded as an attempt to palliate the blow to the deposed king and the opinion of English newspapers is that the suggestion is quite impracticable. The consular difficulty is supposed to be only an outward manifestation of the deep seated separatist aspirations of the majority of Norwegians.

British sympathizers appear to be strongly on the side of Sweden and King Oscar. The Morning Post expresses the general view in suggesting that it is eminently a case for The Hague tribunal.

## MOMENTOUS SESSION OF STORTHING HELD

Norway Declares Union at End and Deposes King Oscar.

(By Associated Press.) CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY, June 7.—King Oscar's refusal to sanction the bill passed by the Storting, providing for a separate consular service for Norway, resulted today in the passage of a resolution by the Storting declaring that the union of Sweden and Norway was dissolved, and that the King had ceased to act as King of Norway. An address to the King was adopted, declaring that no ill-feeling was entertained against him, his dynasty or the Swedish nation, and asking him to co-operate in the selection of a young prince of the House of Bernadotte, to occupy the throne of Norway.

"Norway from today is a fully independent and sovereign State." This is the text of the editorials of the Norwegian newspapers, and it reflects the spirit with which the people of Norway accept today's action of the Storting. When it proclaimed King Oscar no longer King of Norway.

Momentous Session.

At its meeting this evening the Storting adopted a proclamation to the Norwegian people, in which is given a detailed account of the events preceding the passing of the resolution, and in which the hope is expressed that they "will succeed in living in peace and on good terms with all, and, not the least, the Swedish people, to whom we are linked by so many national ties." The proclamation concludes as follows: "All officials, civil, military, must in every respect yield that obedience which the government has the right to claim according to the authority transferred to it by Storting in the name of the people of Norway."

The proceedings throughout the momentous session of the Storting today were marked by supreme good order and by the utmost dignity. The plans had been most carefully prepared, and nothing had been omitted to secure the inauguration of a new government under the best auspices. That the feeling was intense was evidenced by the great gatherings of people outside the Storting during the early session, and after the announcement of the result of the proceedings, a quiet respect was shown the members as they left the building. The

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## ROBBED SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE OF \$46,000

Embezzlements of Accountant Have Been Going On for Past Fifteen Years.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, June 7.—William W. Karrs, the accountant of the Smithsonian Institution and disbursing agent for the government bureau under it, was arrested here today on the charge of embezzlement, which, according to his own confession, aggregates \$46,000. His stealing, he confessed, have been going on for the past fifteen years. Karrs is fifty years old, came from Memphis to Washington and has been identified with the Smithsonian Institution since 1880. The warrant on which he was arrested was sworn out by Dr. S. P. Laidley, the secretary of the institution. Karrs is in custody at the First Precinct Station and it is expected that efforts will be made to secure his release on bond. He has a wife and four children.

## LEADING FIGURES IN MOVEMENT FOR PEACE



The movement for peace in the Far East received a great impetus yesterday from the announcement that the Czar, in conference at Tsarskoe Selo with the ministers of his empire, had expressed his willingness to hear and consider the terms of Japan. An extraordinary lack of definiteness did not prevent a general furor in the world's capitals, and Washington diplomats express the belief that peace is now really being seriously considered. The leading figures in the movement are President Roosevelt and Emperor William. Count Lamsdorff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, one of the strongest men in the empire, and Ambassador Meyer, the American minister at St. Petersburg, are keeping a close watch upon the situation at that end.

## PULLING FOR A BETTER SYSTEM

Police Board and New Chief Are Now Well Together.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION.

Men Show Up Well and Many Are Re-elected—Board Holds Long Session.

If active, intelligent and systematic work on the part of the new chief of police, Major Louis Werner, with the earnest co-operation of the entire Police Board and the Mayor will raise the standard of discipline and efficiency in the department, it will be accomplished, for although Major Werner has been in his new place less than two months, there are already manifest signs of improvement. There is absolute harmony too, between the new chief and the Board and the members are lending the head of the department every possible assistance and encouragement in his work.

The semi-annual inspection of the force took place yesterday afternoon and then the Board met and re-elected a large number of officers and men. Chief Werner submitted his monthly report and it bristled throughout with timely suggestions, as to the enlargement of his powers and for the general betterment of the service. He recommended regular and systematic target practice and the most modern arms and equipment to carry this on. During the day the Chief issued a sweeping order, revolutionizing the present system of reporting from patrol boxes to the station houses, the effect of which is to keep the men on duty in close and constant touch with their captains.

All in Good Shape.

The inspection began at 4 o'clock, those in the party being Mayor McCarthy, and all the members of the Board, Inspector Geo. W. Eggs, Superintendent of Patrol, B. F. Howard and Clerk Geo. E. Pollock. The First Station was visited first, and the men in that precinct, from Captain Whitlock down to privates, showed up well. They all turned out, and their uniform appeared neat, while their bearing and general appearance were the subject of favorable comment. Mayor McCarthy made a brief speech complimentary of the officers and men, and then the board inspected the station house, which was found to be entirely inadequate in every way to the needs of the station.

Need New Station.

A subcommittee from the Finance Committee was present, and went with the members over this feature, and seemed thoroughly convinced that something should be done to relieve the present situation. From here the board went to the detective headquarters and found everything in a most satisfactory condition. The patrol headquarters were thoroughly inspected and conditions were found to be in charge, and is running this department in a very satisfactory manner. The board wound up at the Second Station, where Captain B. P. Hulse is in charge, and the same good conditions were found here. The men all showed up well, and were complimented in a brief but eloquent speech by Mayor McCarthy. Captain Hulse, like Captain Whitlock, is a faithful and efficient officer, and has the entire confidence of the board.

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## POINTER ON THE WEATHER

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<p>tion; Friday fair, fresh winds.</p>	
<p><b>CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.</b>          Richmond's weather yesterday was cool          and clear, followed by storm and high          weather at night. Range of the Thermom-          eter:          9 A. M. .... 65      6 P. M. ....          12 M. .... 58      12 M. ....          3 P. M. .... 70      12 midnight. ....          Average. .... 72½</p>	